Elon's Spirit of '75

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David Wood ★ Red Wilson ★ Gus deSimone

Football Press Guide

Memo to the Press

Our 1975 Football Press Guide has been designed to inform members of the working press about the Fighting Christians while keeping in mind that our nation has already begun celebrating the 200th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.

Our commemorative cover and the three Bicentennial-related divisions of this guide are a part of Elon College's salute to America. The Heritage section looks at Elon's illustrious past on the gridiron, Festival looks at the pageantry of the sport and Horizon gives us a view of the coming season—the players and the opposition.

We hope that you find this publication useful in your preseason and week-to-week coverage of the Fighting Christians. As always, the Sports Information Office and the coaching staff stand ever ready to assist you in whatever way we can. Please call us at (919) 584-9715 if we can be of any assistance.

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1975 Composite Schedule for Elon College and Opponents

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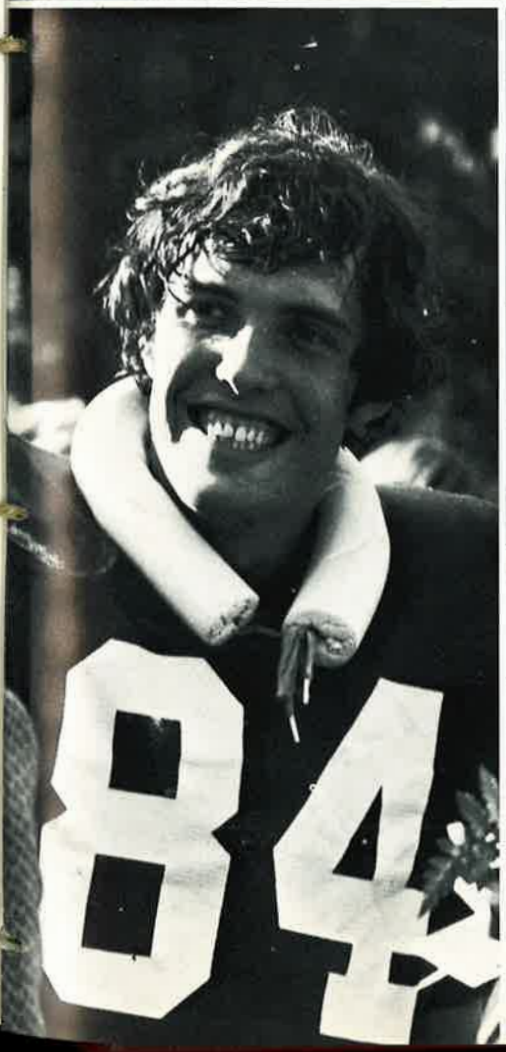

The Making of A Contender

The making of a contender for a national football championship, be it major power or small college, is not an overnight accomplishment. At Elon College, a church-related college of 2,100 students nestled in the piedmont section at the foothills of North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains, Shirley S. "Red" Wilson has been building a contender for about five of the eight years he has been the head football coach and athletic director.

Wilson, whose red locks have gradually turned gray during his tenure at Elon, had a more elementary objective when he first arrived on campus after 17 highly successful seasons as a high school coach—put Elon back in the win column.

The Fighting Christians had been winners for only 20 of their 45 seasons before 1967 and the two previous seasons had been disasters (2-8 and 1-9). But the jolly redhead went right to work and was 5-3-1 his first season. Since then his teams have won five conference championships, finished among the top four NAIA Division I schools in the last two years and had only two losing seasons.

Elon began thinking about national rankings and a shot at the NAIA crown in 1971 after having suffered through a 3-7 season the fall before. "That was the first year that an Elon team had ever won eight games (8-3-0) in one season," reflects Wilson. "We kept beating teams that were being ranked or we were giving them good battles. We felt we were deserving of some recognition, but it didn't come."

In 1972 Wilson scheduled Troy State in Alabama, a school that already had the NAIA raters' eyes, in hopes of a win and some recognition. But the Christians faltered 28-24 in that season opener, lost the following week to North Carolina Central, were tied by nationally ranked Presbyterian and then lost to Wofford.

"That season was the turning point for us though," says Wilson. "We gave Troy State a good game and later on we beat Carson-Newman. Our 7-3-1 season was nothing to sneeze at. People were beginning to notice 'Little Elon.' "

An Elon alumnus who had migrated to Green Bay, Wisc. a year earlier was helping the Christians along in another way. "Rich (McGeorge, tight end with the Packers) was having a pretty good season and was getting TV exposure for himself and 'Little Elon,' as Howard Cosell always says," Wilson states with a smile. "Our players were gaining confidence in themselves too. Rich was the first Elon football player to make it with the pros in quite awhile and the players were beginning to see that dreams can come true."

It took only a week or two for Elon to get in the 1973 national polls. The Christians rolled over Gardner-Webb, Samford, Guilford and Mars Hill, climbing steadily week after week. After a 7-0 win over Presbyterian, the polls showed Elon number two behind Carson-Newman, a team that had lost in the Champions Bowl the previous year.

The next week number one hosted number two in the Tennessee mountains. Although Elon beat the Eagles at home the year before, Wilson's teams had never been able to win on the Eagles' turf.

The battle began before the game as Carson-Newman gave its visitors the silent treatment. And then when the team returned to the field for the coin toss, all hell broke loose. Cars, police vehicles, fire engines and other various modes of transportation came onto the track with horns and sirens blowing. It was a psych job supreme!

But either it didn't work or it worked in reverse. Once the game started, the Christians could do no wrong. The defense recovered fumbles, intercepted passes and stopped the

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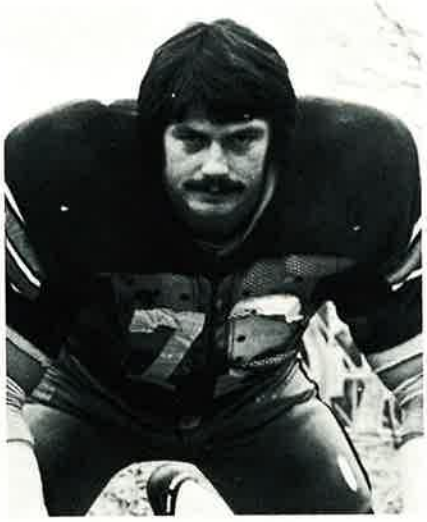
Rich McGeorge



Glenn Ellis

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Eagles cold. On offense, the Maroon and Gold gridders took advantage of their opponents' mistakes and scored at almost every opportunity. At the end of 60 minutes, number two had become number one and the race to the playoffs was on.

Wilson's warriors went on to finish the season undefeated. The city of Burlington joined the College as host for the semi-final game, the biggest sporting event to hit the city of 40,000, with Wisconsin-LaCrosse. The Christians came out on top 35-24 and then packed their bags for Shreveport and a meeting with Lone Star Conference power Abilene Christian.

"We were very confident going into that game, but we lacked the experience that we faced in Abilene Christian," says Wilson. "Our team was a young one and this was our first year in post season play. But we weren't deterred."

The next season was almost a repeat. A loss to Presbyterian marred an otherwise perfect regular season, but the Christians made the playoffs again, this time hosting Henderson State of Arkansas.

It was a perfect matchup of the power I against the veer. Henderson State had lost only one game in its most successful season ever, capitalizing on a powerful backfield and an aggressive defense. Elon had perfected its veer offense, utilizing fast, lightweight halfbacks and a quarterback who could run the triple option.

Brent Sexton

"We don't make excuses, but we'd like to have played them on a decent day," says Wilson. Elon not only had Henderson as an opponent that cold December day, but they also were fighting the elements. The rain and mud, elements that the Christians had not faced in over two full seasons, favored the powerful Henderson ground attack and reduced the Christians' triple option to a single one—running.

"We just couldn't break one open. It was three downs and punt all afternoon. It was a disappointment for us, but it wasn't the end," emphasized the Elon coach.

Wilson feels that his team will be in the thick of things again this season. "We lost some good players to graduation, but we feel that we can replace them and that we can make it to the playoffs again."

Among those lost to graduation are All-American safety Brent Sexton, a fifth round draft choice of the Pittsburgh Steelers, linebackers Curt Shubert and Paul Pope (WFL's Birmingham Club), receivers Rodney Evans and Tommy Spoon, punter Fred Long and nose guard Jerry Goney.

The ranks of the returning veterans include such standouts as defensive ends Jerry Alford and Diffy Ross, quarterback Martin Page, linemen Gus deSimone, Frank Williamson, and Randy Oxendine, and defensive backs Don McLaughlin and David Wood.

Runningbacks are abundant with veterans Alex McMillan, Howard Ferguson and Prince Deese heading the pack. Randall Shelby and transfer Kenny Washington along with several freshman prospects are expected to add depth to this position.

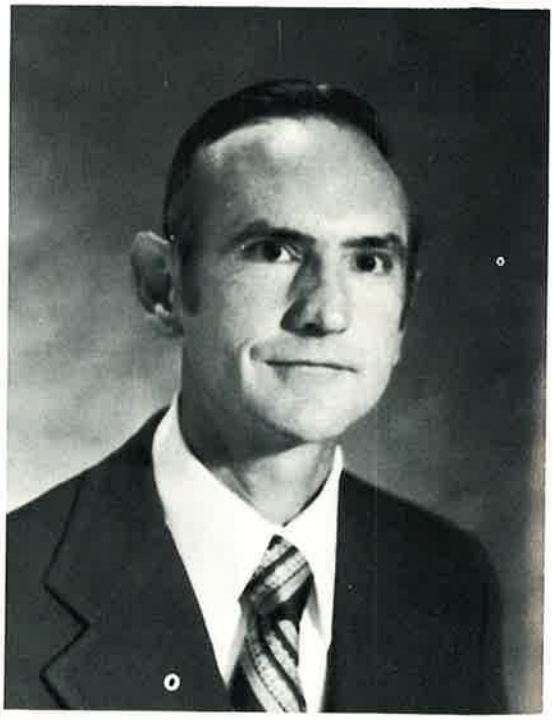
"Our strength this season will be our experience," says Wilson. "Almost half of our current squad has experienced the long seasons and the playoff games for the past two years. They are seasoned veterans and will provide leadership and give confidence to our younger players.

"Weaknesses are not as easy to point out. We lost a fine punter, but we have two good ones to fill in that slot. Both of our linebackers are new to our lineup, but should adjust with a few games under their belts. I just don't feel that we have any real evident weaknesses," concludes Wilson; "at least, I hope not."

Wilson shakes his head on looking at the schedule. "There are some traditionally tough teams in there—Presbyterian, Wofford, and Carson-Newman—as well as some up and coming teams—Mars Hill, Lenoir Rhyne and Newberry, but I feel confident that we can beat them all. I'm not going to predict an undefeated season, but it won't surprise me," the Elon coach says with a smile.

Fred Young
President

Dr. Fred Young began his third year as Elon's seventh president in August. An advocate of subsidized intercollegiate athletics, Dr. Young feels that Elon's strong program has been an important factor in the increased enrollment that the College has enjoyed for the past four or five years. Last year he authorized the formation of the Fighting Christian Club to recognize those friends and alumni who contribute to the school's Athletic Scholarship Fund. Young is a graduate of Mars Hill College and Wake Forest University and received advanced degrees from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Columbia University.



Wes Alexander
Faculty Athletic Chairman

Prof. Wesley Alexander has served as a member of the Faculty Athletic Committee since 1965 and as its chairman since 1966. He has also served as president and vice-president of the Carolinas Conference and is currently serving as the secretary of that group. He is an associate professor and chairman of the Department of Mathematics. Other members of the Faculty Athletic Committee are Dr. A. L. Hook, Prof. Edith Brannock, Dr. Robert Baxter.

S. S. "Red" Wilson
Athletic Director-Head Coach

In eight seasons, Red Wilson has become the winningest coach in Elon College history (56-27-2; .671 winning percentage) after a record as one of the most successful high school football coaches ever (138-38-11 in 17 seasons). But at Elon, Wilson also oversees the operation of one of the most comprehensive small-college intercollegiate programs in the state. These sports include basketball (men's and women's), baseball, volleyball, wrestling, golf, tennis, track, soccer and cross country in addition to football. Wilson hopes to expand offerings for women in the spring sports also.

The Coaching Staff

Coach Wilson and members of his 1975 coaching staff (l. to r.) Wilson, Jerry Tolley, Clayton Johnson, Mickey Brown, Don Kelly, Terry Wills and Trey Jewell.

Jerry Tolley

Mickey Brown

Terry Wills

A native of the football hotbed of Edenton, **Jerry Tolley** was a member of Wilson's staff at Terry Sanford High School in Fayetteville before they came to Elon. He is defensive co-ordinator and works individually with the Fighting Christian defensive backs. In addition to his football duties, the former outstanding track performer at East Carolina is the tennis coach for the Maroon and Gold. Another of the East Carolina graduates on the Elon staff, **Mickey Brown**, handles the defensive linemen for the Fighting Christians. Year in and year out, the Elon defensive linemen have been among the top players in the state, a tribute to Brown's coaching ability. Also Elon's wrestling coach, Brown was named NAIA District 26 Coach of the Year in that sport in 1973. **Clayton Johnson's** offensive strategy has paid off for the Fighting Christians in the last two years in their marches to the Champion Bowl. The only alumnus of Elon on the coaching staff, Johnson returned to his alma mater in 1969 after serving stints as an assistant coach at Wadesboro and Roxboro high schools, and he is Elon's offensive co-ordinator while working individually with the offensive backs. A major strength of Elon's football program during the Wilson era has been the play of the Fighting Christians' defensive ends and linebackers, and the man responsible for that is **Don Kelly**. The elder statesman of the Elon coaching staff, Kelly came to Elon with Wilson after teaching and coaching on the high school level for a number of years. A third graduate of East Carolina University on the Elon staff is **Terry Wills**. In 1975, Wills will be the offensive line coach as well as the team trainer. In addition to his coaching and training duties, Wills is the intramural program director and is in charge of the physical plant of the athletic and physical education departments. In his third season as a student assistant, **Trey Jewell**, who played one year for Elon after high school in Virginia Beach, Va., will work with Coach Tolley and the Elon defensive backs while also scouting Elon's opponents. He scouted for the Fighting Christians during the 1973 and 1974 seasons.

Clayton Johnson

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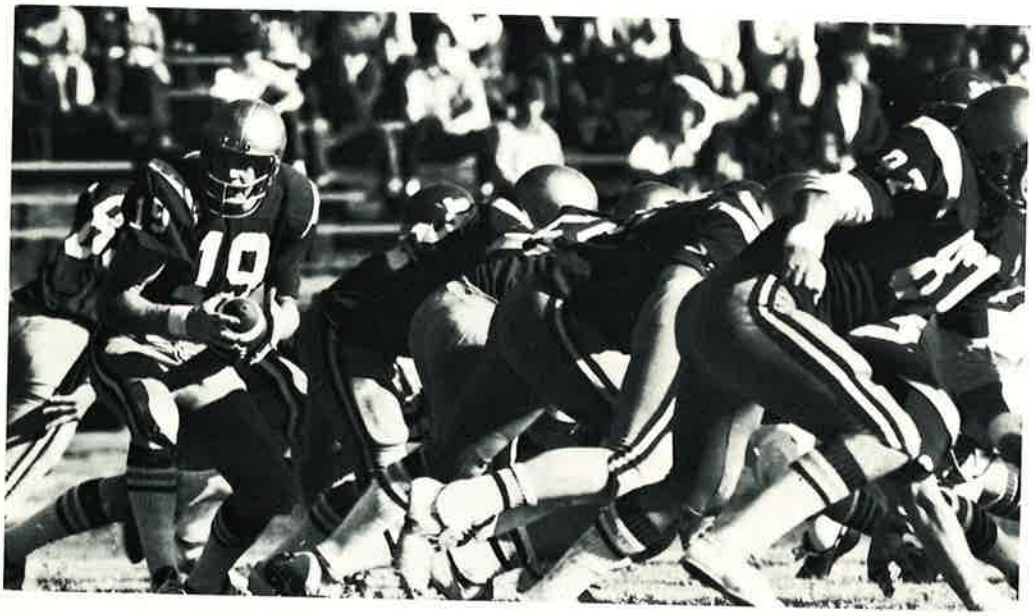
This is Elon College in the Fall!



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The South Atlantic Conference

The Fightin' Christians will be competing in a new conference this season as eight private colleges from North Carolina, Tennessee and South Carolina have banded together to form a new football league.

Named the South Atlantic Conference, the new league will be composed of Carson-Newman, Catawba, Elon, Gardner-Webb, Lenoir Rhyne, Mars Hill, Newberry and Presbyterian. Catawba, Elon and Lenoir Rhyne used to compete for the football championship of the Carolinas Conference as did Presbyterian and Newberry, but that league dropped football as a sanctioned sport during the summer leaving the field open for the new football organization.

The initial meeting of the league was held near Hendersonville in June where the presidents of the organizing schools elected Dr. Fred Bentley of Mars Hill as the interim chairman. The presidents also set several criteria for the operation of the conference and then voted to take to their faculty athletic committees and boards of trustees the recommendation that their schools become affiliated with the new group.

On July 1, 1975, Dr. Bentley announced tha tthe eight schools had agreed to join together and that a meeting on July 15 of the athletic directors, faculty athletic chairmen and sports information directors would convene in Hickory to draw up a constitution and by-laws and determine if it were feasible to play for a championship in the fall of 1975.

A composite schedule of the new league's teams follows.

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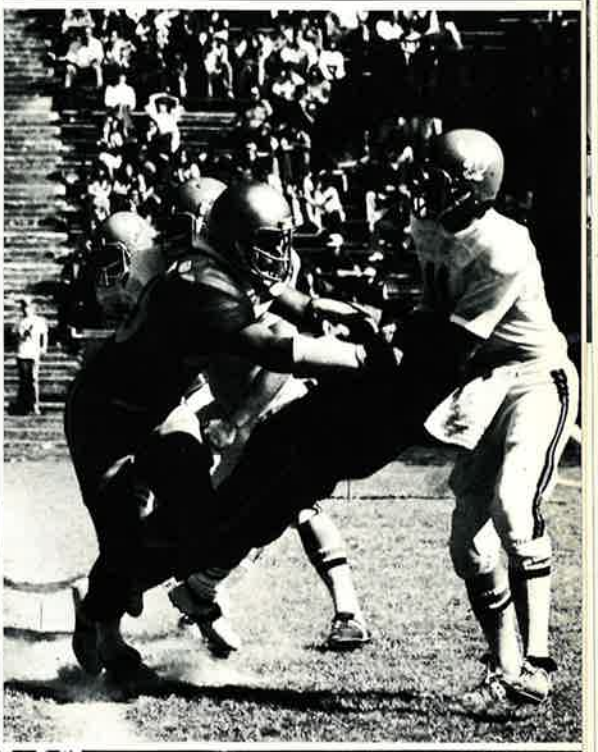

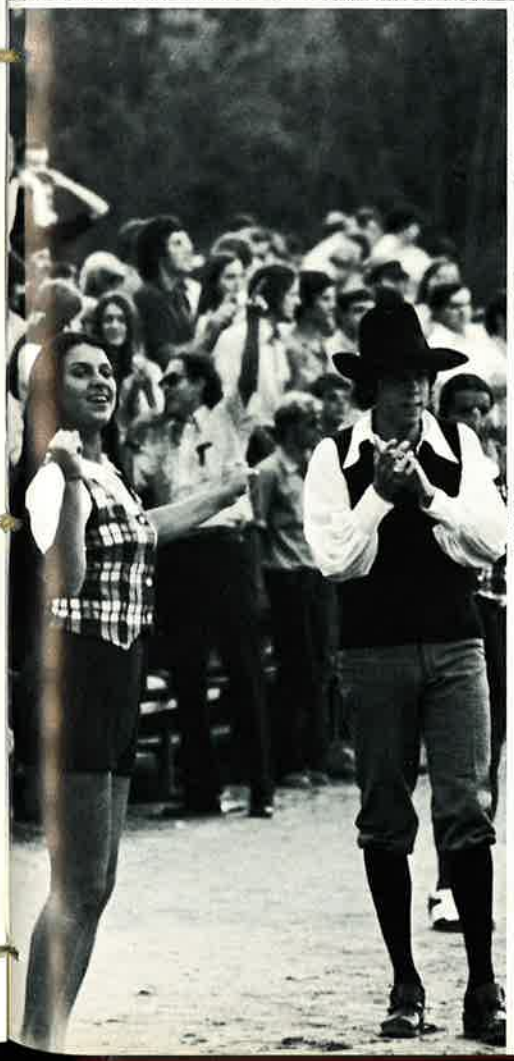

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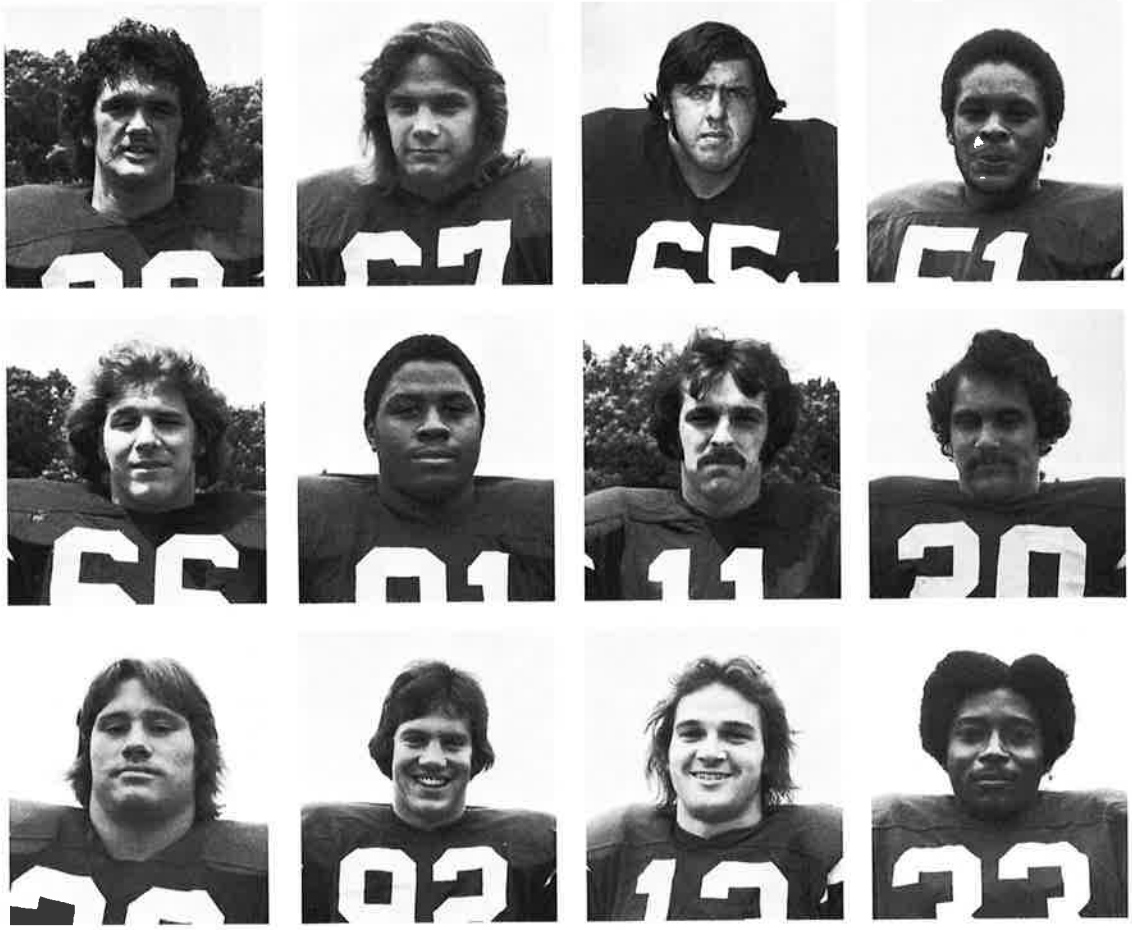

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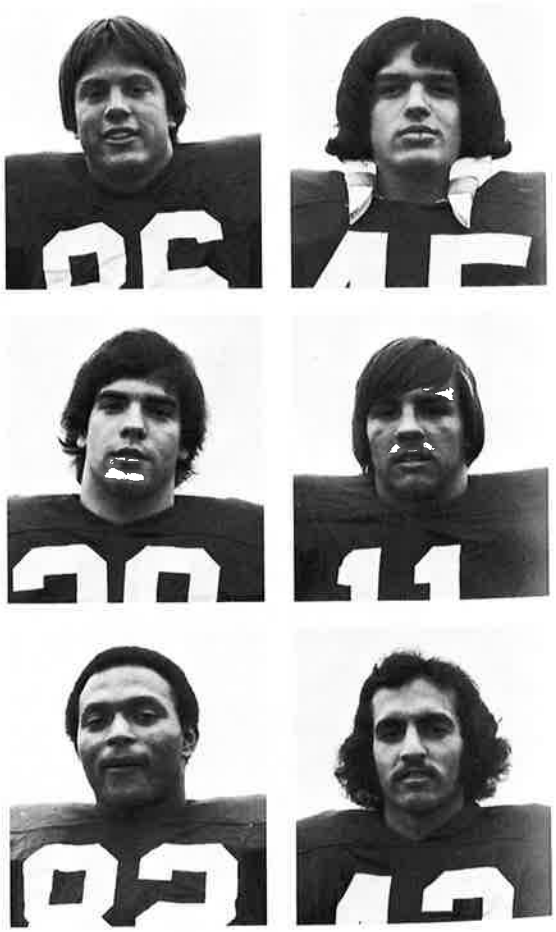


Fightin' Christian Profiles

81 Jerry Alford—Defensive End—should be a definite starter—started last year and improved throughout the season—a team leader.

67 Danny Allen—Offensive Guard—improved considerably during winter drills—should be an able reserve.

65 Steve Arnette—Defensive Tackle—big and strong—still needs a lot of work—should be an able backup this year.

51 Ricky Aughtry—Linebacker—transfer from Jackson State University—originally from Thomasville—should be seeing limited action this year.

55 Dave Bailey—Linebacker—transfer from Wake Forest—will not be eligible the first two games—should be a definite starter by mid-season—fast, agile and strong—definite pro prospect.

91 Danny Bass—Defensive Tackle—All-District heavyweight wrestler—real fine team man—lost a lot of weight during the off season—should be very able reserve this year after great improvement last season.

11 Phil Beeson—Quarterback—very steady—real knowledgeable of the game—runs the option well—should be a real fine backup quarterback this year—second in scoring for Elon last fall with 30 extra points and three field goals.

20 Ricky Brooks—Defensive Back—transfer from Chowan College—improved considerably this past year—should be a good backup man this fall.

92 Gregg Bunn—Tight End—transfer from Chowan College—could be a good linebacker candidate—needs to improve before he sees considerable action.

13 Stan Butler—Kicker and Defensive Back—will double as a place kicker and as defensive back—may see some kicking duty in the fall.

34 Harold Carver—Wide Receiver—one of the fastest men on the squad—needs much improvement, but could see some action later on in the season.

90 Scott Clendenin—Changed from defensive back to defensive end during the winter—shows great promise at that position—could see limited action.

45 Bobby Costin—projected starter at the defensive linebacker spot—should improve considerably as season goes on—just needs game experience to become a real good linebacker.

39 Doug Cox—Backup Center from Ragsdale High School in High Point—very steady player.

10 Mike Currin—Backup Quarterback—should see limited action this season.

28 Prince Deese—Starting Runningback last year—should be much improved this year—outstanding competitor—runs hard—smart player—very good team man—scored six TDs, rushed 721 yards in 1974.

18 Nick DerCola—Transfer Quarterback—shows a lot of promise—still needs to learn about our system.

24 Bill Davaney—Defensive Back—one of the most outstanding athletes on the team—should definitely see action in defensive secondary next year—played baseball last spring.

62 Gus deSimone—Offensive Guard—real fine team player—elected captain for the coming year—very aggressive—most outstanding quality is attacking the linebackers.

36 David Dodd—Defensive Back—real fine speed—great quickness—should definitely see action in defensive secondary—potential starter.

15 Tommy Eanes—Backup Quarterback—should see limited action this year.

31 Zene Fearing—Defensive Back—still needs a lot of work—real fine competitor—may fit in as a return specialist.

Fightin' Christian Profiles

35 Howard Ferguson—Runningback—real fine team man—good runningback—runs hard—should see considerable action, if not a starter—averaged 4.9 yards per carry last fall.

42 Eddie Foust—Defensive Back—should be an all-conference performer before he graduates, maybe this year—also a good return man.

94 Joe Gro—Defensive End—transferred from N. C. State—see considerable action at one of the ends.

40 Rick Hanna—Linebacker—real fine team man—should see considerable reserve action.

22 Tommy Hayes—Runningback—should be fully recovered from an ankle injury which kept him out much of last season—may be a potential starter—powerful runner averaged 3.7 yards per carry in 1974.

66 Mark Heil—Designated as a starter at the defensive linebacker position next year—very knowledgeable player—good speed, good size—should improve vastly as the season progresses.

63 Mark Howard—Offensive Tackle—very capable backup lineman—knows the system well.

50 Tim James — Center — excellent snapper for punts and extra points—handled those duties well last year—should do a good job this year—may play some as offensive tackle.

71 Thomas "Shag" Johnson—Middle Guard—potential starter—very quick, fast, and strong.

14 Eddie Jones—Should be one of the future stars at quarterback—very knowledgeable kid—very dedicated—very coachable.

37 Joe Jones—Played some last year as defensive back—regular on the kickoff team—should see more action this year.

60 Tim Kelly—Guard—should be an outstanding player this year—steady performer—good team man.

41 Sam King—Backup Quarterback—restricted last season—dedicated but needs experience.

64 Clint Locklear—Defensive Guard—fast—agile—very dedicated player—very coachable.

72 Ricky Locklear — Potential All-Conference defensive tackle—fast—strong—hard worker.

30 Rick McGraw—Runningback—real find blocker—real hard runner—very dedicated—good team man—very coachable.

53 Jeff MacKenzie—Should be a starting center this year—played last year behind all-conference performer Steve Yuskevich—real fine blocker.

27 Don McLaughlin—Defensive Back and Return Specialist—All-Conference, All-District last year—should be an All-American this year—outstanding speed—has nine career interceptions to his credit—real fine return artist—holds school career records for most kickoff returns, most kickoff return yardage, most combined kick returns and most combined kick return yardage after just three seasons—closing in on career punt return records—a definite All-America candidate.

29 Wes McLaughlin—Defensive Back—worked hard during winter drills—saw a little action last year—started a couple of games—potential starter for this year.

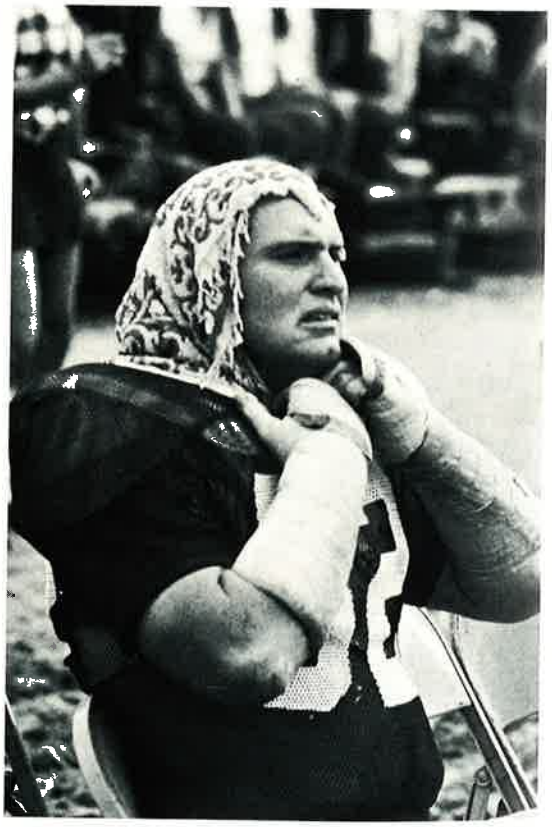
38 John McKinnon—Wide Receiver—potentially could play some this year.

21 Alexander McMillan — Runningback—after a great freshman year, injuries kept him down last year—should be in top shape this year—potential All-Conference, All-District—could be the running back that will lead Elon College to another conference championship.

86 Stuart Melvin—Wide Receiver—could see action but needs experience.

17 Duke Mobley—Outstanding kicker—did all the kicking for Elon College last year—should continue in that role this season.

76 Steve Nieson—Offensive Tackle—transfer from Dodge City Junior College—could enter into the picture and play some as a regular.



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Joe Gro
Rick Hanna
Tommy Hayes
Mark Heil

Fourth Row
Mark Howard
Tim James

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Thomas Johnson
Eddie Jones

Sixth Row
Joe Jones
Tim Kelly

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Sam King
Clint Locklear
Ricky Locklear
Rick McGraw

Second Row
Jeff MacKenzie
Don McLaughlin
Wesley McLaughlin
Tommy McKinnon

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Alex McMillan
Stuart Melvin
Duke Mobley
Steve Nieson

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Randy Oxendine
Martin Page
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Roger Phillips
Don Reed

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Ron Reitzel
Keith Richardson

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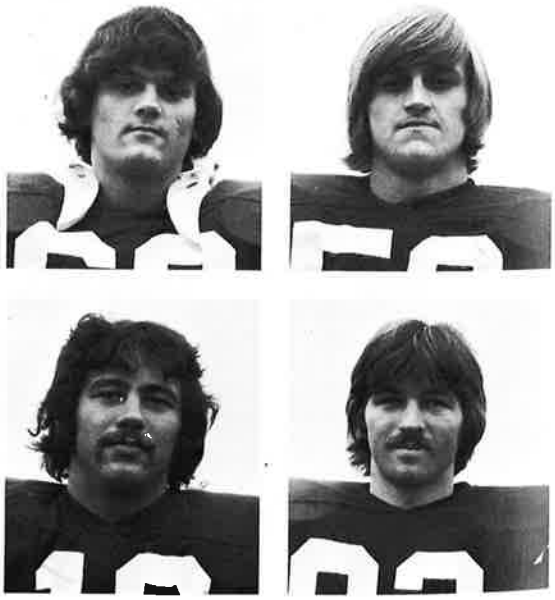


Fightin' Christian Profiles

75 Randy Oxendine—Most outstanding defensive tackle at Elon College since Glenn Ellis—fast—strong—great competitor—potential All-American.

19 Martin Page—Best quarterback to hit Elon College since Joe West—a triple option threat and outstanding runner—great team man—passing improved considerably last year—a definite All-Conference candidate.

78 Danny Patterson—Offensive Guard—played regular last year—could fit in the picture as a possible starter or at least as a backup this season.

69 Roger Phillips—Offensive Guard—very steady—should see limited action this year.

52 Don Reid—Backup Center—could see limited action—transfer from Dodge City.

16 Ron Reitzel—Wide Receiver—saw limited action last year—could be a possible starter this year.

93 Keith Richardson—Potential starter at tight end—big—strong—fast—very dedicated—very coachable.

84 Diffy Ross—Came out for football last year for the first time after 3½ seasons of basketball—started and was voted the outstanding defensive player in the NAIA Playoffs—big—strong—fast—definite All-Conference and All-State candidate—he was selected the most outstanding athlete at Elon College last year with letters in basketball, football and track—a pro prospect.

26 Bobby Sandell—Wide Receiver—quick and fast—should see considerable action this year.

89 Doug Schmidt—Defensive End—very capable performer—very fine backup player—could work into a starting position.

33 Randall Shelby—One of the fastest men in the conference—outstanding runner—should see considerable action this year—a breakaway threat every time he gets the ball.

70 Andy Smith—Offensive Tackle—big and strong—a definite starter for this year.

74 Mike Smith—Offensive Guard—should be a definite backup at guard or on defensive line.

83 Gary Stafford—Potential starter at tight end—will probably handle the punting chores also.

46 Brian Stanley—Defensive Back—transfer from Appalachian—should be a backup but could move up with experience.

68 Battle Steele—Offensive Tackle—potential starter—a definite backup.

80 Ronnie Stroud—Tight End—a definite starter for next year—one of the outstanding receivers on the team last year—good hands—good speed—good size.

32 Jack Utz—Wide Receiver—should see action this year.

44 Kenny Washington—Runningback—transfer from Coast Guard Academy—could be the starter in the backfield—good size—good speed—good team man—learned the system well during the winter drill—Little All-American last year.

54 Ron West—Linebacker—very capable team man—good leader—could be a starting linebacker.

87 Reggie White—Tight End—improved considerably over the winter—wants to play as bad as anyone on the team—should see action this year.

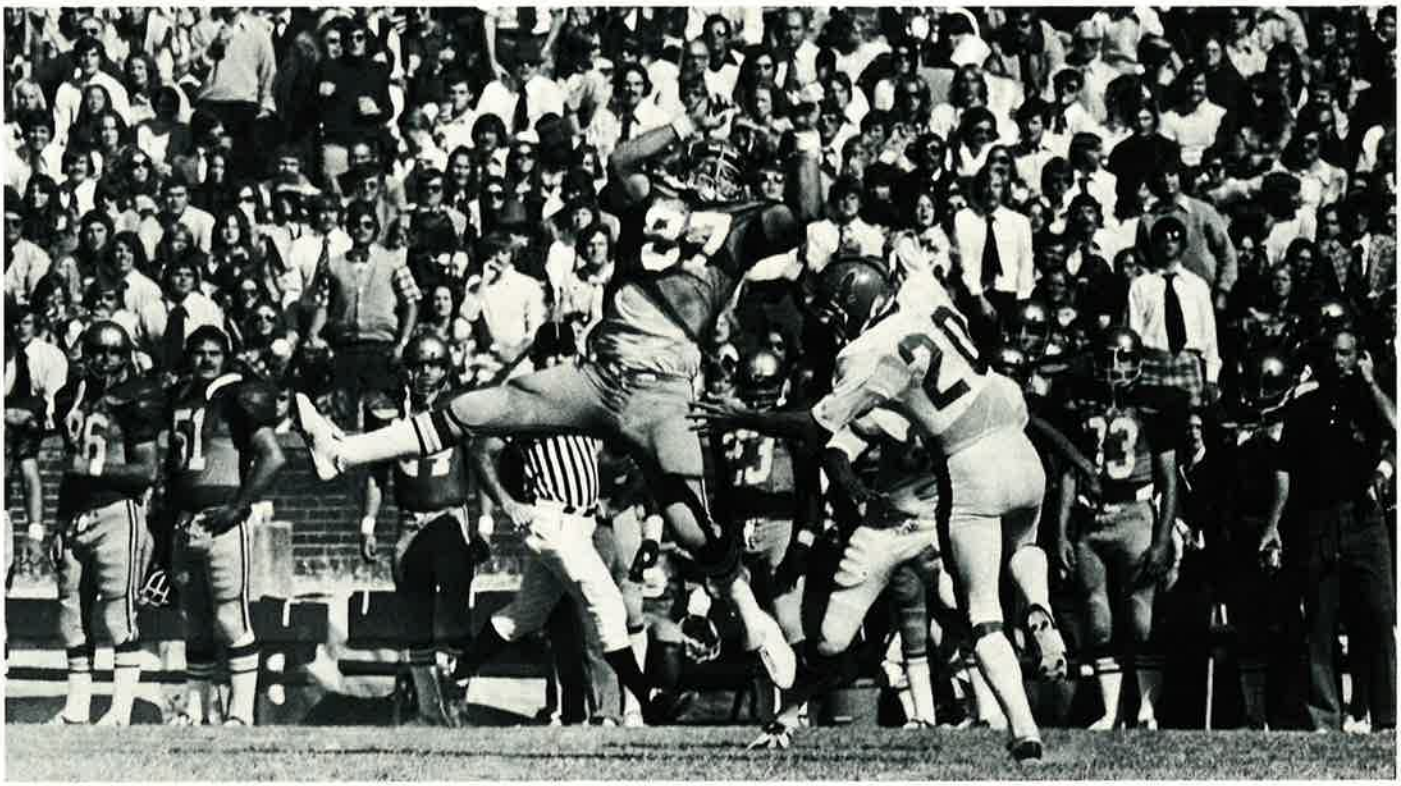
77 Wayne Williams—Changed from defensive tackle to offensive tackle last year—may see more action this fall.

79 Frank Williamson—Probably the most outstanding offensive lineman on the team—definite All-Conference, All-District and possible All-State candidate—big—fast.

88 Roland Wilson—Defensive Guard—a definite candidate for a starting postion this year—played as reserve last year and came up with many fine defensive plays.

12 David Wood—Defensive Back—elected captain by his teammates—real fine defensive back—steady performance—good speed—good hands—agile—may work as return specialist.

23 Ernie Woods—A potential starter in defensive backfield—great speed—good moves.



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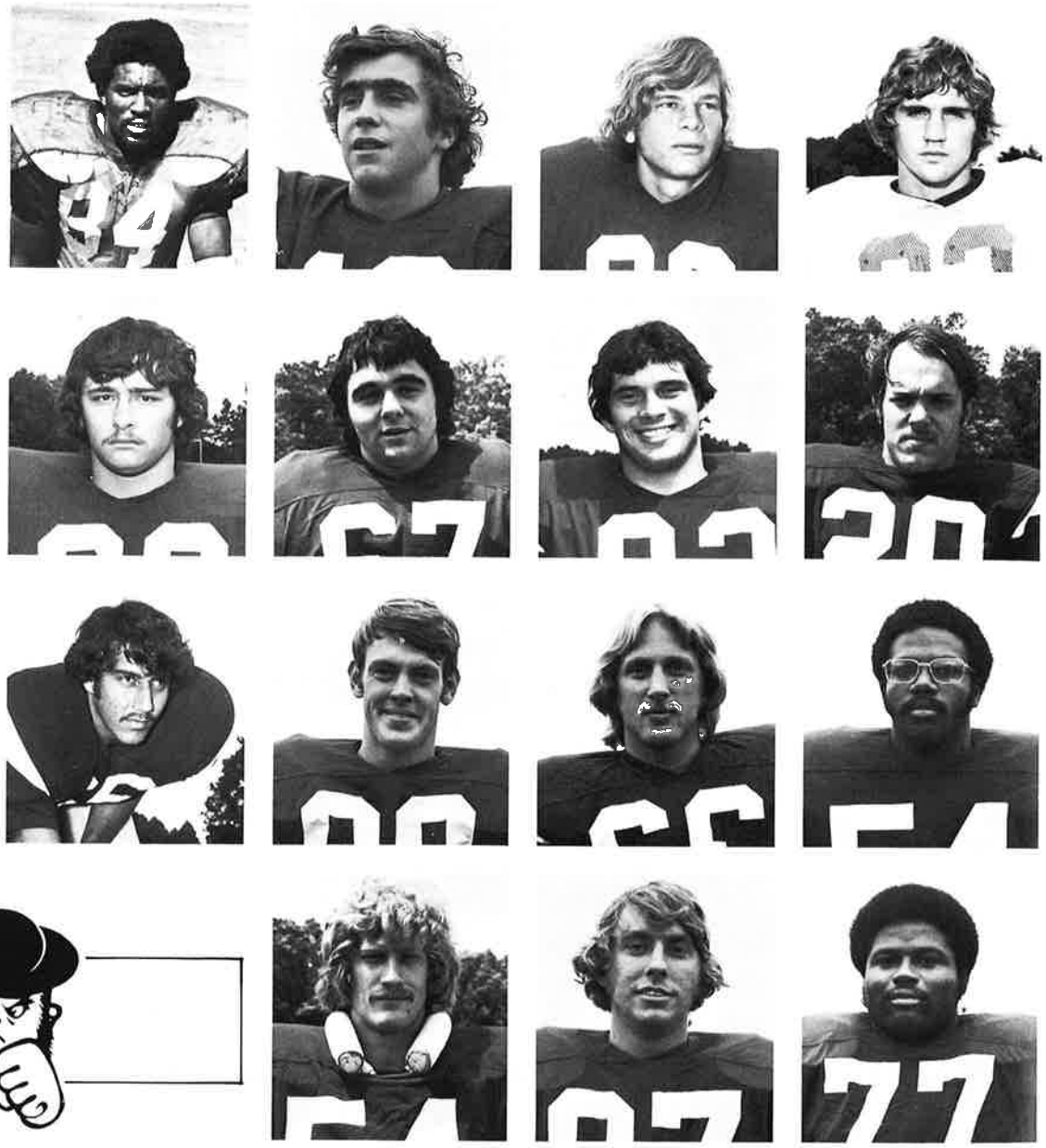

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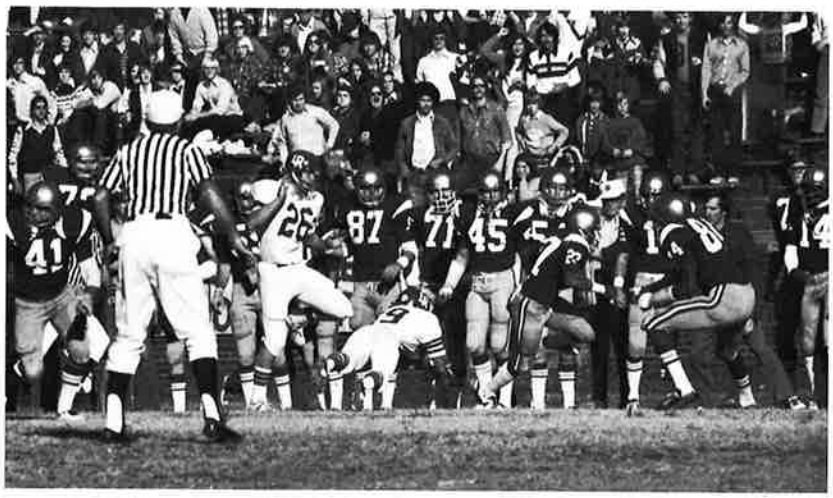

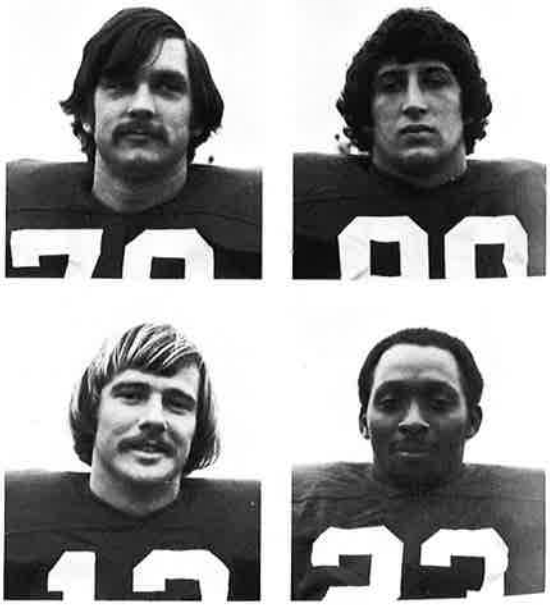

NORFOLK ST. — Sept. 13

HOME

William Price

Head Coach

Game Site: Burlington Memorial Stadium. **Location:** Norfolk, Va. **Enrollment:** 6,227. **Athletic Director:** William Archie. **Publicity Director:** Calvin M. Jacox (804) 623-8373. **Head Coach:** William Price (8-3-0). **Assistants:** Robert Heard, George Rice, Chester Lewis, Cornell Gordon. **Nickname:** Spartans. **Colors:** Green and Gold. **Conference:** Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association. **Series Record:** First game. **1974 Record:** 8-3-0.

As a rookie head coach, William Price led the Spartans to their first conference championship ever and their first winning season in 12 years last season. But Price is optimistic that his team can repeat as CIAA champions. He is losing only 10 lettermen and only three starters from last year's young squad. Steve Graeff and Bernie McKie are expected to share quarterbacking duties again this season unless one of them can show he can handle things by himself.

SAVANNAH ST.—Sept. 20

AWAY

John Myles

Head Coach

Game Site: Tiger Stadium. **Location:** Savannah, Ga. **Enrollment:** 3,100. **Athletic Director:** Al Frazier. **Publicity Director:** Augustus Howard (912) 356-2405. **Head Coach:** John Myles (41-33-3). **Assistants:** Frank Ellis, John Mason, Elijah Polythress, William Jackson, Claude Brownlee, Chester Ellis, Phil Tremmeling. **Nickname:** Roaring Tigers. **Colors:** Orange and Blue. **Conference:** Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. **Series Record:** Elon 1, Savannah State 0, Tied 0. **1974 Record:** 2-6-1.

Last season was a "downer" for the Tigers of Savannah State, but Coach John Myles has served notice that things are going to be different in 1975. After adding two assistants to his staff, the six year veteran and his staff had one of their best recruiting seasons ever. A beefed up offensive line will be the key difference to allow quarterback Keith Camp time to get his plays off. The biggest losses from last season are among the receivers, but new recruits are expected to fill in there.

GUILFORD — Sept. 27

HOME

Dennis Haglan

Head Coach

Game Site; Burlington Memorial Stadium. **Location:** Greensboro, N. C. **Enrollment:** 950. **Athletic Director:** Dr. Herb Appenzeller. **Publicity Director:** Johnny Moore (919) 292-5511. **Head Coach:** Dennis Haglan (6-3-2). **Nickname:** Quakers. **Colors:** Crimson and Grey. **Series Record:** Elon 36, Guilford 14, Tied 3. **1974 Record:** 6-3-2.

The Quakers are coming off their best season in six years and with only five seniors lost, things look good for another winning season. Haglan will be building around tackle Steve Musulin, fullback Billy Whitley, linebacker Al Patterson, middle guard Bunky James, defensive backs Mike Ribet and Blaine Tysinger, receiver Chris Paphites, runningbacks Keith Taylor and Reggie Kenan and lineman Lynn Reavis. Last Season was a year of breaks ("We were only 13 points from a 10-1 season and just 14 points from being 4-7."), but this year could be the year of the Quakers.

MARS HILL — Oct. 4

HOME

Claude Gibson

Head Coach

Game Site: Burlington Memorial Stadium. **Location:** Mars Hill, N. C. **Enrollment:** 1,575. **Athletic Director:** Claude Gibson. **Publicity Directory:** Greg Cliwis (704) 689-1219. **Head Coach:** Claude "Hoot" Gibson. **Assistants:** Alex Robins, Mike Prior, Bill Mitchell. **Nickname:** Lions. **Colors:** Blue and Gold. **Series Record:** Elon 2, Mars Hill 0, Tied 0. **1974 Record:** 7-4.

The Lions appear stronger on paper this season and Coach Gibson hopes his team will be strong enough to improve on last year's 7-4 record. Offensive stars returning include guards Gary Hooper and Chuck Howard, receiver Ronnie Capps, scatback Ronnie Reeves, defensive end Jeff Stapleton and defensive back David Boshelli. Gone is quarterback Dan Robinson, but being groomed are Jeff Wade, "who runs the veer to perfection," and John Benson, "one of the most accurate passers we've seen." Gibson says that motivation will figure heavily in the Lions' season.

BLUEFIELD ST. — Oct. 11

HOME

Mickey Watson

Head Coach

Game Site: Burlington Memorial Stadium. **Location:** Bluefield, W. Va. **Enrollment:** 1,200. **Athletic Director:** Robert M. Watson. **Publicity Director:** Barry Blizzard (304) 325-7102. **Head Coach:** Robert M. Watson (5-5). **Assistants:** Mike Maser, Bob Hedrick, Tony Zvonar, Aaron Saunders. **Nickname:** Fighting Big Blues. **Colors:** Blue and Gold. **Conference:** West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. **Series Record:** Elon 1, Bluefield 0, Tied 0. **1974 Record:** 5-5-0.

The ability of some freshmen to fill key positions and their ability to fill them early will be the most determining factor of success for Bluefield this year. "We are much more optimistic this year due to the fact that our staff has had the time to prepare for the season and our players have had time to learn our system," says Watson. "Our short spring practice should also prove to be of great value as the season gets started." The Blues' first three games this season will be on the road.

PRESBYTERIAN — Oct. 18

AWAY

Cally Gault

Head Coach

Game Site: Bailey Memorial Stadium. **Location:** Clinton, S. C.. **Enrollment:** 792. **Athletic Director:** Calhoun F. "Cally" Gault. **Publicity Director:** David Fowler (803) 833-0705. **Head Coach:** Cally Gault (68-55-3). **Assistants:** Billy Tiller, Bob Strock, John Perry. **Nickname:** Blue Hose. **Colors:** Garnet and Blue. **Series Record:** Elon 6, Presbyterian 9, Tied 1. **1974 Record:** 6-4-1.

The only team to beat Elon during the regular season in 1974 has the job of rebuilding its defense this fall. Coach Gault has only three starters returning on defense, but the offense has only the center lacking from last season. This was just the opposite of last season when Gault had to replace his offense while working with an experienced defense. But he turned in his 10th winning season in 13 years with the biggest win coming over Elon.

CATAWBA — Oct. 25

HOME

Bill Faircloth

Head Coach

Game Site: Burlington Memorial Stadium. **Location:** Salisbury, N. C. **Enrollment:** 1,100. **Athletic Director:** Harvey Stratton. **Publicity Director:** Bob Rathburn (704) 637-4393). **Head Coach:** Bill Faircloth (10-9-1). **Assistants:** John Scott, Marshall Murphy. **Nickname:** Indians. **Colors:** Blue and White. **Series Record:** Elon 21, Catawba 16, Tied 2. **1974 Record:** 5-4-1.

The Indians have a strong nucleus from last season and Faircloth feels that his tribe will be improved offensively. Kim Smith and Ron Adams return to the backfield as do guards Eddie Whitte and Vernon Hayes, slotback Jim Bucher, ends Kent Rabon and Vince Haydock and halfback Allen Simmons. Defensive standouts include safety Chip Woodyard and Bill Marley, halfbacks Ricky Whitt and Rod Overholt, end Brian Kerr and tackle Jim Eric. Replacing key losses in the defense will be a big task for the Indian chiefs. Among the missing is all-American linebacker Mike McDonald, a draft pick of the New Orleans Saints.

WOFFORD — Nov. 1

AWAY

Steve Satterfield

Head Coach

Game Site: Snyder Field. **Location:** Spartanburg, S. C. **Enrollment:** 1,080. **Athletic Director:** Steve Satterfield. **Publicity Director:** Chris Hindman, (803) 585-4821. **Head Coach:** Steve Satterfield (7-4). **Assistants:** Buddy King, Sam Sloan, Wray Smith, David Byrd, Mike Bugar, Jimmy Wallace, Billy Ellis. **Nickname:** Terriers. **Colors:** Old Gold and Black. **Conference:** Independent. **Series Record:** Elon 3, Wofford 8, Tied 0. **1974 Record:** 7-4.

The Terriers lost nine starters off last year's team that posted the school's best record since 1970 and head coach Steve Satterfield, a former Clemson assistant in his second season at Wofford, approaches this season with "cautious optimism." Top performers returning include senior runningback Ricky Satterfield (759 yards in 1974), and linebacker Randy Kelley who made over 175 unassisted in two seasons as a starter. Sophomore Lewis Brown was expected to take over the quarterbacking duties left by Carter Davis.

NEWBERRY — Nov. 8

AWAY

Fred Herren

Head Coach

Game Site: Setzler Field. **Location:** Newberry, S. C. **Enrollment:** 865. **Athletic Director:** Fred Herren. **Publicity Director:** Gordon C. Henry (803) 276-5010. **Head Coach:** Fred Herren. **Assistants:** Al Guy, Rubie Youce, Glenn Cumbee. **Nickname:** Indians. **Series Record:** Elon 19, Newberry 10, Tied 1. **1974 Record:** 3-7.

The Indians look to the 1975 season with "guarded optimism." A large number of returning lettermen are expected and should the defense develop quickly, Newberry fans will be seeing some exciting football. Plaqued with injuries including 11 surgical operations in 1974, last year's football season was dismal. Experience on both sides of the line are considered important keys to this season's success.

CARSON-NEWMAN–Nov.22

AWAY

Johnny Wike

Head Coach

Game Site: Burke-Tarr Stadium. **Location:** Jefferson City, Tenn. **Enrollment:** 1,560. **Athletic Director:** Dr. Gene Mehaffey. **Publicity Director:** Carl K. Tipton. **Head Coach:** Johnny Wike (4-6). **Assistants:** Charlie King, Denny Williams, Richard Bridges, Mac Lambert. **Nickname:** Eagles. **Colors:** Orange and Blue. **Series Record:** Elon 5, Carson-Newman 8, Tied 0. **1974 Record:** 4-6.

With 33 lettermen returning to the lineup, the Eagles will start with added strength of experience to their credit, an asset that was lacking in the predominantly freshman-sophomore team of a year ago. But they're still young with only six seniors. "Realistically, we still may be a year away," says Wike, a former Elon assistant coach. "Offensively, we're an improved ball team but our strengths really lie with our linebackers and our secondary." The Eagles have an 11 game slate this fall in adding Georgetown, Middle Tennessee and Wofford to replace East Tennessee and Western Carolina.

LENOIR RHYNE—Nov. 15

AWAY

Jack Huss

Head Coach

Game Site: College Field. **Location:** Hickory, N. C. **Enrollment:** 1,400. **Athletic Director:** Hanley Painter. **Publicity Director:** Ken Niewulis (704) 328-1741. **Head Coach:** Jack Huss (7-3-1). **Assistants:** Claude Brewer, Curtis Threatt. **Nickname:** Bears. **Colors:** Red and Black. **Series Record:** Elon 23, Lenoir Rhyne 22, Tied 1. **1974 Record:** 7-3-1.

The Bears figure that several freshmen will be needed to give them the manpower necessary to build on the improvement they have made in the past two seasons, but that progress may be slow at first. Despite losing six seniors, LR's offensive backfield returns full strength led by runningback Scott Crawford while the line suffered three losses. Most of last year's success was built around a greatly improved defense that figures to be stronger this season. The Bears' kicking game is a big factor also with punter Bobby Daurity and kicker Rick Padgett returning.

1975 Soccer Schedule

(Tentative)

Oct. 2	UNC-Chapel Hill	Away
Oct. 4	Pfeiffer	Away
Oct. 7	Belmont Abbey	Away
Oct. 11	Catawba	Home
Oct. 22	Guilford	Home
Oct. 24	Atlantic Christian	Away

(As the press guide goes to press, Coach Harris is arranging for additional games.)

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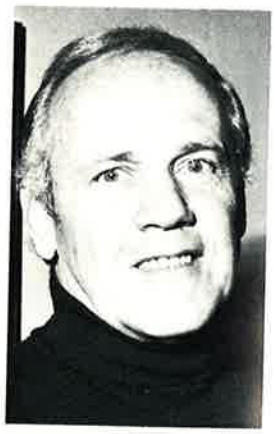

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FIGHTING CHRISTIAN CLUB

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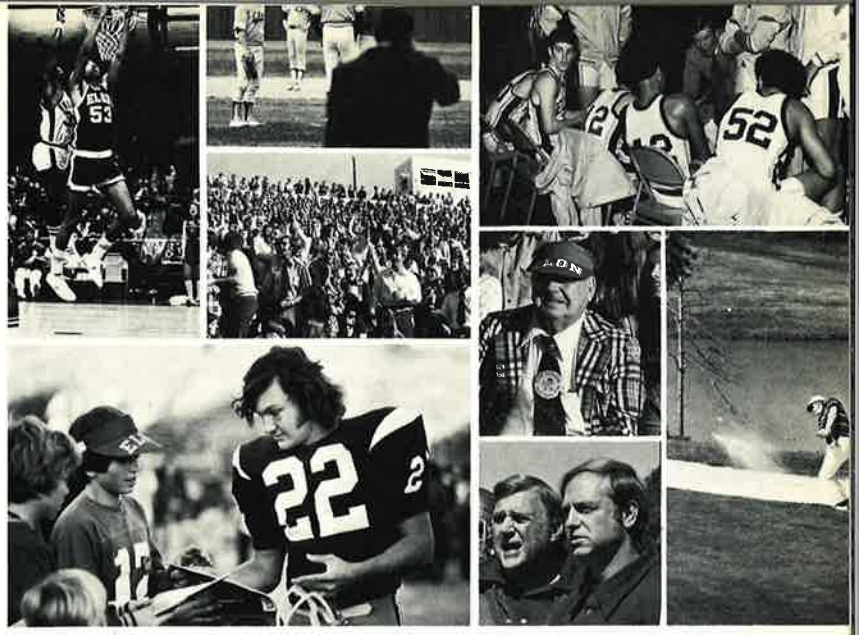

"The Lifeline of Elon College Athletics"

WHAT IS THE FIGHTING CHRISTIAN CLUB?

The Fighting Christian Club was organized in 1974 for the purpose of raising funds for the Athletic Scholarship Fund. All monies raised are used to pay the educational expenses of worthy student-athletes who are participating in the Elon athletic program. Contributions to the Athletic Scholarship Fund are tax deductible.

In its first year of operation, the Fighting Christian Club assisted the program by raising approximately $30,000 for scholarships for worthy student-athletes and securing pledges for another $30,462 for subsequent years. At this level of giving, the Fighting Christian Club is raising approximately 33 percent of the athletic scholarship budget. Continued success will enable the College to offer scholarships in the minor sports so that these teams can be more competitive.

Since the Fighting Christian Club has underwritten an increased percentage of the scholarship budget, the College has been able to use funds previously committed to scholarships for other areas of operation. As the Fighting Christian Club approaches its goal of funding 100 percent of the athletic scholarship budget, funds budgeted for scholarships can be released for other needs.

WHO CONTRIBUTES TO THE FUND?

Any person who feels that the Elon College athletic program is worthwhile and would like to be a part of it can give. In its first year of operation, the Fighting Christian Club has attracted alumni, parents, former athletes, businesses, friends and members of the faculty and staff. In fact, a large percentage of the current members did not attend Elon.

CAN THE FUND QUALIFY FOR MATCHING GIFTS?

The Athletic Scholarship Fund has qualified for every company's matching gift program to which an application has been made. If your company has a matching gift program, you can receive credit for the total contribution; yours plus your company's. Contact us if you need further information.

FIGHTING CHRISTIAN CLUB ROOM

Members of the Fighting Christian Club are invited to meet at the Fighting Christian Club Room, located in the lower Press Box at Alumni Memorial Gymnasium and in the Huey Room in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium for coffee and soft drinks before each home football and basketball game and during halftime.

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